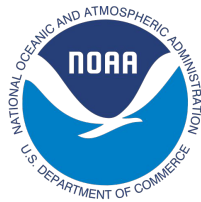


Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center Network

NOAA Education Council

April 20, 2016



State of the Network

Broad buy-in from Network members

Strategic plan in place

Priority areas identified

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Coastal America Partnership, est. 1992



10 Federal partners

Key part of implementation of
National Ocean Policy 1992-2008

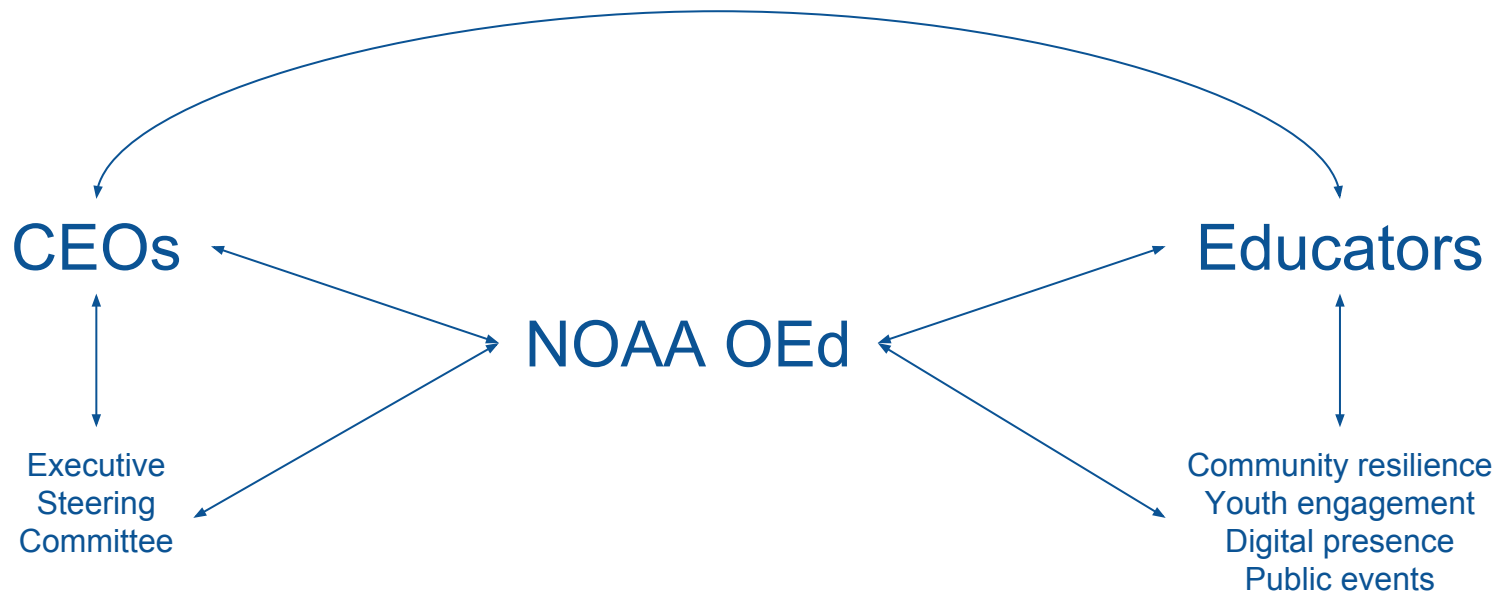
Coastal Wetlands Restoration
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CELC Network structure





Early feedback - the good ...

Collaborating with other aquariums

Relationship with NOAA/feds

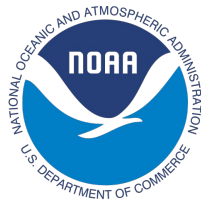
Student
programs

Branding

Raising ocean
literacy awareness

Access to resources

Networking



... and the not so good

Vision/direction

Collaboration
across the network

Long-term planning

Network management

Network communication

Funding

Access to resources



Network engagement activities

AZA conferences: Columbia, Salt Lake City, Omaha

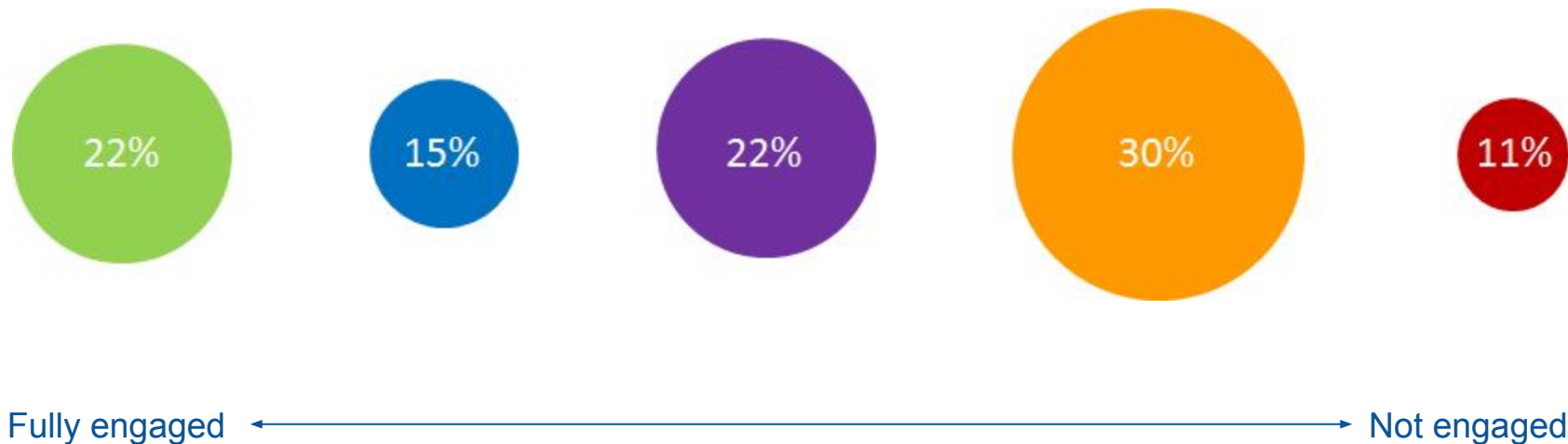
Monthly conference calls for Network educators

Quarterly Executive Steering Committee meetings

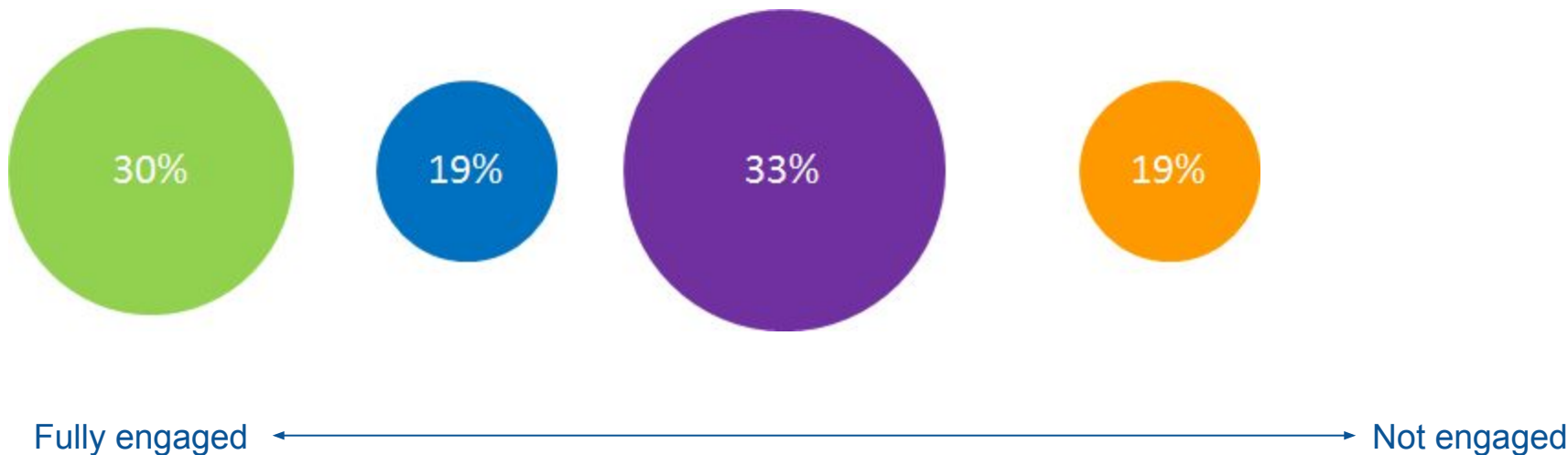
Working groups

Educator workshop

Network participation - September, 2015



Network participation - March, 2016





CELC goal

Function in a unified manner to engage the public
in protecting coastal and marine ecosystems.

CELC objectives

1. Improve ocean and climate literacy among our audiences.
2. Increase participation in coastal and ocean conservation and stewardship activities.
3. Foster our audiences' relationship with the coastal environment and increase community resilience.
4. Establish and support a CELC community of practice with emphasis on cross-institution communication, coordination, and professional development.

2016 educator workshop



2016 educator workshop

Why is the CELC Network important?

What can we influence/do together?

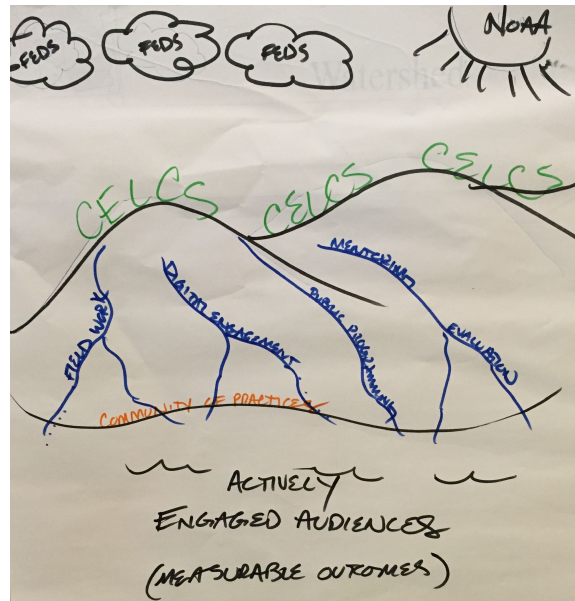
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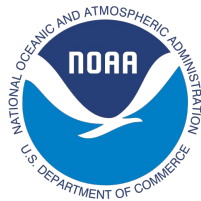
SWOT analysis

Guiding principles (1+1=3)

Measures of success

Working groups: community resilience; youth; digital; public events





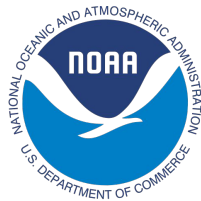
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Next steps

Better engage with CELC CEOs

Develop and implement Network activities in focus areas

Network activities for World Ocean Day and Capitol Hill
Ocean Week

Re-engage federal partners

Connect CELCs with NOAA programs, as appropriate



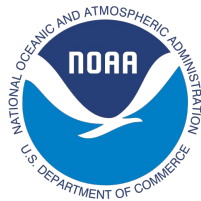
Connections with NOAA programs

Existing:

Local sanctuaries, Sea Grant programs, OER teacher training workshops, Climate Stewards

Future?

NWS, Fisheries, OCM, CPO, Marine Debris, Corals, Regional

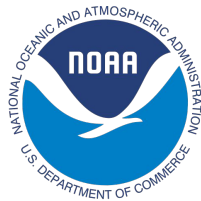


How to connect

Present at monthly CELC educator meetings

Future workshop with CELC educators and NOAA

Direct connection of NOAA field staff to local CELC



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